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SUBJ: BELGIAN SUPPORT FOR IRAN/EEC PREFERENTIAL DEAL DENIED

REF: A) TEHRAN A-123 (NOTAL) B) TEHRAN 4597 (NOTAL)

1. VISIT TO IRAN DURING WEEK OF JUNE 23 OF BELGIAN FOREIGN
TRADE MINISTER MICHEL TOUSSAINT WAS FOLLOWED BY EDITORIAL
APPEARING IN JUNE 28 ISSUE OF SEMI-OFFICIAL KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL
CLAIMING BELGIUM HAS AGREED TO SUPPORT IRAN'S DESIRE FOR A
PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE EEC. BELGIAN EMBASSY
COMMERCIAL ATTACHE DECRAENE DENIED ACCURACY OF EDITORIAL
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TO EMBOFF. HE SAID BELGIANS HAD ANTICIPATED IRANIAN PRESSURE
FOR SUPPORT ON PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH EEC AND THAT

TOUSSAINT HAD TAKEN SAME POSITION AS DUTCH COMMERCE MINISTER LUBBERS DURING HIS MAY VISIT, WHICH GAVE GENERAL SUPPORT TO WORKING OUT SOME SORT OF A SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN IRAN AND THE EEC SHORT OF A PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENT. HE ADDED THAT LANGUAGE REFERRING TO IRAN/EEC DEAL IN UNPUBLISHED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED AT THE END OF TOUSSAINT'S VISIT IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS THAT USED IN SIMILAR DOCUMENT SIGNED AT THE END OF DUTCH VISIT.

2. DECRAENE SAID NO NEW CONTRACTS WERE SIGNED DURING THE VISIT AND THAT PRESS REPORTS OF IRANO/BELGIAN COOPERATION IN COPPER PRODUCTS PRODUCTION, A JOINT ENGINEERING COMPANY, BELGIAN CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL PORT AT CHAH BAHAR AND COOPERATION IN BUILDING HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECTS, ETC., REPRESENTED POSSIBLE FUTURE DEALS ONLY, NONE OF WHICH HAS PROCEEDED BEYOND LETTER OF INTENT STATE.
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